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1. WE HAVE PICKED UP REPORT THAT THERE IS GUNFIRE AT DODAN

BARRACKS AS OF 0945 LOCAL. FAIRLY STRONG EVIDENCE THAT MUHAMMED HAS BEEN ASSASSINATED: A BLACK MILITARY MERCEDES IS IN DITCH NEAR LOCATION WHERE AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE HEARD EARLIER.

2. THUS FAR WE HAVE RECEIVED NO RPT NO REPORTS OF DAMAGE OR THREATS TO AMERICAN LIVES AND PROPERTY.

3. IBADAN RADIO ALSO UNDER CONTROL OF COUP INSTIGATORS. WE HAVE BEEN IN TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH BOTH IBADAN AND KADUNA WHO REPORT ALL IS QUIET.

4. UNDP LOCAL OFFICE HERE HAS ASKED DEPARTMENT TO INFORM BRADFORD MORSE AT UN OF SITUATION.

5. COMMENT: AN ARMY MAJOR NEAR MUHAMMED RESIDENCE PROFESSED ABSOLUTE IGNORANCE ABOUT WHAT IS TRANSPIRING. FATE OF MEMBERS OF MUHAMMED GOVERNMENT NOT RPT NOT KNOWN AT THIS POINT.

SAME RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT SUMMARIZED REFTEL BEING REPEATED AT HALF HOUR INTERVALS; WE HAVE NOW RECORDED IT AND WILL TRY DEGARBLE NAME OF LT. COL. MAKING THE ANNOUNCEMENT. A FORMER ARMY OFFICER SAYS IT MAY BE A LT MOL. DIMKA (WHOSE BROTHER IS POLICE COMMISSIONER KWARA STATE - S.K. DIMKA) WHO IS HEAD OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION TRAINING IN ARMY. HE IS FROM ZARIA AREA. THE LT. COL. APPARENTLY WAS HEAVILY INVOLVED IN SECOND 1966 COUP. HE IS NOT RPT NOT KNOWN TO HAVE ANY WELL DEFINED IDEOLOGICAL ORIENTATION. SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION SERVED WITH DIOKA IO 1966 IN NORTH.

6. LATE NEWS: EMBASSY LOCAL EMPLOYEES AT 10:15 LOCAL SAW POLICE HEADQUARTERS MALONEY STREET WHERE RESULTANT GUNFIRE REPORTEDLY KILLED SOME CIVILIANS.
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